

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraphs 00013, 0017, 0018, and 0022 as follows:

[0013] These shorts 1 ~~[[are]]~~ comprise two portions, namely:

- inner snugly fitting shorts 10 made at least partially of an elastic material such as that known by the registered marks “LYCRA®” or “LYCRA POWER®,” polyamide, or made of a breathable or elastic mesh-type material; and
- outer loosely fitting shorts 20 made of a non-elastic material, such as Nylon, or made of a breathable material of the mesh-type.

[0017] As shown clearly in FIG. 2, each leg 22 of the outer shorts is assembled to the associated leg 12 of the inner shorts 10 along the edges 14a of the connecting band 14 by means of seams 15, such as stitching. As also shown in FIG. 2, the connecting band 14 connects a pair of transversely spaced-apart longitudinal edges of the leg 12 and a pair of such edges of the leg 22, such that, in the embodiment illustrated in FIGS. 1 and 2, the outer portion/leg 22 overlies the inner portion/leg 12 along less than the entirety of the transverse periphery of the body part of the wearer, with the connecting band 14 connecting the pair of peripherally spaced-apart longitudinally extending edges of each leg/portion 12, 22.

[0018] As a result, the ~~[[two]]~~ inner 10 and outer 20 shorts in fact have a common portion in the form of the connecting band 14 in the crotch area.

[0022] However, it is contemplated according to the invention that they can be slightly shorter so as not to ~~overlap~~ extend beyond the outer shorts.

[0025] In a particular embodiment, the waists 11, 21 ~~[[22]]~~ of the shorts 10, 20 are separate, and the shorts are therefore only connected to one another by the crotch, so as to guarantee a better adaptation to the wearer's movements. As a result, the outer shorts do not hinder the movements of the inner shorts. As can be seen in FIG. 2, a space can be seen between the inner leg 12 and the outer leg 22. In other words, below the intersection of the left and right legs at the crotch, the inner and outer legs 12, 22 of the shorts are connected to one another, in a direction around a transverse periphery of the longitudinally extending legs, only by means of the connecting band 14.